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Congratulating Graceland on the occasion of its designation as a National
Historic Landmark.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Graceland on the occasion of its designation
as a National Historic Landmark.

Whereas Graceland—

- (1) served as the home and private retreat of Elvis Aaron Presley from 1957 through 1977; and
- (2) is intimately connected to the musical and cultural heritage of Elvis Aaron Presley;

Whereas Elvis Presley is—

- (1) universally recognized as the “King of Rock and Roll”;
- (2) known to generations by only his first name; and
- (3) widely agreed to be one of the most famous and influential American cultural icons of the 20th century;

Whereas Elvis Presley, having drawn on musical traditions including gospel, country, and rhythm and blues, contrib-

uted to the development, popularization, and evolution of the rock and roll genre;

Whereas Elvis Presley, having been an exceptionally talented vocalist and stage performer, experienced a career marked by unprecedented professional success and achievement;

Whereas Elvis Presley received numerous honors and accolades, including—

- (1) 3 Grammys;
- (2) 14 Grammy nominations; and
- (3) a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences;

Whereas the Recording Industry Association of America has officially recognized Elvis Presley as the number 1 Solo Artist in United States History because he has—

- (1) achieved over 150 gold, platinum, or multi-platinum awards; and
- (2) documented album sales exceeding 120,000,000 albums;

Whereas Elvis Presley is the only artist to be inducted into 3 major music halls of fame, including—

- (1) the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986;
- (2) the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1998; and
- (3) the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2001;

Whereas Elvis Presley continues to maintain a preeminent position on numerous Top Artist Achievements lists, including—

- (1) “Most Chart Hits”;
- (2) “Most Top 10 Hits”;
- (3) “Most Top 40 Hits”;
- (4) “Most Weeks at the number 1 Position”;

- (5) “Most Consecutive number 1 Hits”;
- (6) “Most Consecutive Top 10 Hits”; and
- (7) “Most Gold and Platinum Hits”;

Whereas Elvis Presley was personally involved in the renovation and reconstruction of Graceland, and the unique design and decoration of Graceland enshrines his style, character, influence, and cultural legacy;

Whereas Graceland serves as a museum for promoting, celebrating, and maintaining the role of Elvis Presley in the history of the United States;

Whereas Graceland—

- (1) is a historic residence built in the Classical Revival style; and
- (2) was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991;

Whereas Graceland continues to serve as a pilgrimage site for millions of Elvis Presley fans from around the world;

Whereas Graceland is recognized as one of the most visited historic house museums in the United States, attracting over 600,000 visitors each year; and

Whereas Graceland will continue to impact the popular culture of the United States by educating millions of visitors for years to come: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) recognizes Graceland as exceptionally valu-
- 3 able for promoting and illustrating the contributions
- 4 of Elvis Presley to the music and popular culture of
- 5 the United States;

- 1 (2) acknowledges the importance of designating
2 Graceland as a National Historic Landmark for the
3 purposes of recognizing and preserving that unique
4 cultural attraction; and
- 5 (3) congratulates Graceland on the occasion of
6 its designation as a National Historic Landmark.

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